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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UG, US

SUBJECT: AMIN REASSURES USG, REQUESTS EMISSARY

REQUEST FRG PASS FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY TO AMB. ELLERKMANN
IN KAMPALA:

1. ACTING UGANDAN CHARGE CALLED DEPTOFF FEBRUARY 26 TO
PASS ON TELECON HE HAD JUST HAD WITH PRESIDENT AMIN. AMIN
REPEATED PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT AMERICANS IN UGANDA WOULD
COME TO NO HARM. AMIN ALSO INVITED AN EMISSARY FROM THE
USG TO VISIT UGANDA AND SEE FOR HIMSELF HOW SAFE THE
AMERICANS WERE INSIDE HIS COUNTRY.

2. ACTING CHARGE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IN TELECON WITH
UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMSEC THE PREVIOUS DAY, PERMSEC
HAD STATED THAT AMERICANS WOULD NOT BE FORCED TO ATTEND
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3. AFTER CONSIDERATION OF AMIN'S MESSAGE, DEPTOFF PASSED UGANDAN CHARGE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM USG TO BE RELAYED BACK TO PRESIDENT AMIN: QUOTE WE WELCOME THE RENEWED REASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT AMIN THAT AMERICANS IN UGANDA ARE IN NO DANGER. OUR CONCERN WOULD BE FURTHER ALLEVIATED IF RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRAVEL OF AMERICANS WERE REMOVED AND DUE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT NOT ALL AMERICANS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING IN KAMPALA. WE APPRECIATE THE APPARENT DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS WHICH COULD DETRACT FROM OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN RESOLVING THIS MATTER. END QUOTE.

4. DEPTOFF TOLD UGANDAN CHARGE THAT AMIN'S REQUEST FOR AN EMISSARY WAS UNDER STUDY.

5. AFTER TELEPHONING DEPT'S MESSAGE (PARA 3) TO KAMPALA, UGANDAN CHARGE CALLED DEPTOFF BACK TO REPEAT GOU PERMSEC ASSURANCE THAT EVERYTHING WAS QUIET IN UGANDA AND THAT AMERICANS HAD NOTHING TO FEAR. PERMSEC HOPED THAT USG AND AMERICAN PUBLIC WOULD ALSO BE SUFFICIENTLY CALMED BY HIS ASSURANCES. PERMSEC ADDED THAT BBC REPORTS THAT VENUE FOR FEBRUARY 28 MEETING HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM KAMPALA TO ENTEBBE WERE ERRONEOUS. MEETING STILL DUE TO BE HELD IN KAMPALA AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER.

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